

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Bureau of Labor Statistics Technical Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Labor

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Bureau of Labor Statistics Technical Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

76520

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/11/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/11/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

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13. Effective Date

10/07/2010

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To obtain committee advice on the following topics: Improving Estimates of Hours Worked for U.S. Productivity Measurement, Contingent Worker Supplement, Using Administrative Trade Data to Create Export Price Indexes	06/21/2019	06/21/2019

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00

18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Technical Advisory Committee (BLSTAC) functions solely as an advisory body to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on topics selected by the BLS. The committee presents advice and makes recommendations to the BLS on technical aspects of the collection of data and formulation of economic measures and makes recommendations on areas of research. The committee provides advice in response to formal presentations from BLS staff regarding current issues being addressed by the agency. This advice is given during committee meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee balance is based on technical and subject matter expertise. Committee members are economists, statisticians, and behavioral scientists who are prominent experts in their fields and recognized for their professional achievements and objectivity. Members' experience is directly relevant to the functions and tasks performed by the BLS.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee will normally meet twice annually to discuss technical questions posed in presentations prepared by BLS staff. The BLS Acting Commissioner and Associate Commissioners of are involved substantially in the formulation of meeting agendas and the preparation of presentations addressing current issues faced by the agency. In FY 2018, the committee met on November 17, 2017. The November agenda included sessions on the Survey of Employer Provided Training, Experimental New Vehicle Price Indexes, Using a Modeled QCEW as a Sampling Frame for the Occupational Requirements Survey.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The committee presents advice to the BLS on technical aspects of data collection and formulation of economic measures and makes recommendations on areas of research. The Bureau often faces highly technical issues while developing and maintaining the accuracy and relevancy of its data on employment and unemployment, prices, productivity, and compensation and working conditions. These issues range from how to develop new measures to how to make sure that existing measures account for the ever changing economy. The BLS draws on the expertise of committee members representing specialized fields within the academic disciplines of economics, statistics and survey design.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Not Applicable

21. Remarks

None

Designated Federal Officer

Lucy P. Eldridge Associate Commissioner, BLS Office of Productivity and Technology

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Cavallo, Alberto	04/12/2019	04/12/2021	Harvard Business School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Corrado, Carol	04/12/2019	04/12/2021	The Conference Board	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Deming, David	04/12/2019	04/12/2022	Harvard Kennedy School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haltiwanger, John	04/12/2019	04/12/2020	University of Maryland	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heeringa, Steven	03/15/2012	04/12/2020	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hobijn, Bart	04/12/2019	04/12/2020	Arizona State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Houseman, Susan	03/15/2012	04/12/2022	W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Juhn, Chinhui	04/12/2019	04/12/2020	University of Houston	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kugler, Adriana	04/12/2016	04/11/2019	Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Meyer, Bruce	04/12/2019	04/12/2021	University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Olson, Kristen	04/12/2019	04/12/2022	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Phillips, Keith	04/12/2019	04/12/2021	Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sahin, Aysegul	04/12/2019	04/12/2022	University of Texas Austin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Silge, Julia	04/12/2019	04/12/2022	Stack Overflow	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sinclair, Tara	04/12/2019	04/12/2021	The George Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sullivan, Daniel	04/12/2013	04/12/2020	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
West, Brady	04/12/2016	04/12/2022	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 17

Narrative Description

BLSTAC provides advice on the collection and analysis of BLS data, thereby assisting BLS in fulfilling its mission as the principal Federal agency responsible for measuring

labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy. Advice offered by BLSTAC also helps BLS fulfill its strategic plan goals to produce objective data and analysis that are timely, accurate, and relevant and continue to improve these data products.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Identification of new data products fills gaps in BLS statistics and improves existing products.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

The benefits are difficult to quantify, because they accrue to BLS customers in the form of more accurate and more relevant data.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

Number of Recommendations Comments

The recommendations referenced in this comment section are for FY 2018: (12) During a session on the Survey of Employer Provided Training, there was a recommendation that BLS ask employers about the types of skills that they are looking for. (13) During a session on Experimental New Vehicle Price Indexes, there was a recommendation that BLS explore Jevons index to isolate price effects. (14) During a session on the Occupational Requirements Survey, there was a recommendation that BLS identify and set aside rare occupations that are not practical to get under any sample design in order to focus on the remaining occupations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The number of fully implemented recommendations is unchanged since FY17.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

50%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The status of last year's partially implemented recommendations remains unchanged. Recommendation 14 has also been partially implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency updates the committee on the status of recommendations made during committee meetings. These updates are made at later meetings or via e-mail communication.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Evaluate and, in some cases, incorporate committee advice regarding technical issues related to the collection and analysis of BLS data.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not Applicable